

REMARKS

The Office communication dated April 27, 2006 notified Applicants that the reply filed on 3 March 2006 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action as the affidavit by Mr. Jeremy M. Topaz dated 23 February 2006, indicated in the reply as being attached, was missing.

In reply and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.132, Applicants attach and submit the affidavit by Mr. Jeremy M. Topaz dated February 23, 2006, including a Curriculum Vitae for Mr. Topaz. As provided in Applicants' reply filed on 3 March 2006, the Examiner's contention that the previously supplied affidavit did not refer to the individual claims of the application is overcome by the present affidavit, which clearly shows that the objective evidence of non-obviousness is commensurate in scope with the claims.

In view of the reply filed on 3 March 2006 and the attached affidavit, Applicants submit that claims 1, 8, and 35 of the present invention are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of claims 1, 8 and 35. Claims 2-4, 6, 9-34, 36-51, 53-57 and 59, depend either directly or indirectly from respective claims 1, 8 and 35 and are allowable at least by dependency.

CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments filed on 3 March 2006 and the attached affidavit, it is respectfully submitted that the claims and thus this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1175.

Respectfully submitted,

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